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Writing

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A.

Skill Presentation

A prepositional phrase is a **preposition** followed by a **noun**. We use prepositional phrases to talk about location and time.

- In Saudi Arabia
- At night

Most prepositional phrases of time and location can go at the end of the sentence. We can put them at the end.

- There was a heavy rain in Egypt.
- She will come back on Friday.

We can also start the sentence with a prepositional phrase. It can come in the beginning.

If you start a sentence with a prepositional phrase, remember to use a **comma**.

- In Egypt, there was a heavy rain.
- On Monday, she will come back.



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Auxiliary verbs (helping verbs) are things like - am, is, are, was, were.

An auxiliary verb needs another verb in the sentence.

- She was playing.
- He is doing homework.
- Judy and Leyla were watching a movie.
- You are calling Tom!

The words (am - is - are - was - were) if they have another verb after them, we call them, auxiliary verbs. No other verb, not auxiliary but, main verbs.

- The holiday is on Monday.
- Mark is my best friend.
- The meeting is on Wednesday.

Sentences with (be) as the main verb, the prepositional phrase can't go first, it must go after (be).



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B.

Over to You

1. Read the paragraph. How many prepositional phrases are there? Underline them and check (✓) the correct answer.

Arlington National Cemetery is in Arlington, Virginia. It has graves of soldiers. There are about 270,000 graves. Four million people visit the cemetery every year. Many people come on Memorial Day. They think it is important to remember soldiers who died. The cemetery usually closes at 7:00 p.m. In the winter, it closes earlier. Some people use maps, and some people take tours.

- a. There are four prepositional phrases.
- b. There are five prepositional phrases.
- c. There are seven prepositional phrases.



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C.

Practice

1. Make sentences. Write the words in the correct order.
Don't forget to add a period.

1. ended - on November 11, 1918 - World War I

2. died - a Canadian solider - at 10:58 a.m.,

3. in Le Havre, France - he - died

4. the war - at 11:00 a.m. - ended

5. celebrate -Remembrance Day - in Canada, - they

6. started - Remembrance Day - in 1919.

7. there is - a mount of silence - at 10:58 a.m.,

8. they - in other places - soldiers who died - remember



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C.

Practice

2. Rewrite the sentences that are incorrect. If the sentence is correct, write CORRECT.

1. At my house the party was.

2. On Monday, the holiday is.

3. We at noon are meeting tomorrow.

4. Adele in the United States lives.

5. My friend Lives on E 50th Street.

6. At school, Stephen is today.

7. In 1868, the first Memorial Day was.

8. We finish school on June 26.



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The Answer

B. Over to You

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C. Practice

1-

1. World War I ended on November 11, 1918.
2. At 10:58 a.m., a Canadian soldier died.
3. He died in Le Havre, France.
4. The war ended at 11:00 a.m.
5. In Canada, they celebrate Remembrance Day.
6. Remembrance Day started in 1919.
7. At 10:58, there is a moment of silence.
8. They remember soldiers who died in other places.

2-

1. The party was at my house.
2. The holiday is on Monday.
3. We are meeting tomorrow at noon.
4. Adele lives in the United States.
5. CORRECT
6. Remembrance Day started in 1919.
7. The first Memorial Day was in 1868.
8. CORRECT